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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1899.

The President sent a message to Con-
gress Friday advocating the building of a
Pacific cable line to the Philippines, via
Hawaii and Guam.

Secretary Long has issued an order
abolishing the canteen system in the navy.
The canteen has never flourished in the
navy, however. Spirituous liquors have
never been for sale on the warships and
beer has been sold on only two of them.

The executive committee of the association
of American agricultural colleges have
appointed April 13, the anniversary of
Senator Morrill's birth, as a day to be ob-
served with appropriate exercises by all
the agricultural and mechanical colleges of
the country organized and established un-
der the so-called Morrill act of 1862. Mr.
Morrill's first bill to grant public lands for
agricultural, scientific and industrial col-
leges was vetoed by President Buchanan.
It was introduced again by Mr. Morrill
and it became a law through his manage-
ment. Under this act 47 colleges were es-
tablished, and they now have over 500
professors and over 5000 students.

The fastest cruiser afloat is the Chitose,
which averaged 22.87 knots and attained a
maximum speed of 23.76 knots in a trial
near San Francisco Saturday. She can
show her heels to the Minneapolis, Uncle
Sam's fastest cruiser. The Chitose is a
protected cruiser of 4700 tons, 402 feet 2
inches in length, and drawing 17 1/2 feet of
water. She is provided with triple expan-
sion engines of the latest pattern, which are
capable of developing 15,500 horse-power.
Her armament will consist of two 8-inch
and 10 1/4-inch rapid-fire guns, 12 12-pound-
ers, six 2 1/2 pounders and five torpedo
tubes. The Chitose was built by the
Union Works of San Francisco, where the
Oregon of the United States navy was also
built.

Dewey Will Be Admiral.
A bill was passed by the Senate Tues-
day creating the office of "admiral of the
navy." This office, it is understood, is
created for the advancement of Rear Ad-
miral George Dewey. The text of the bill
reads:

"That the President is hereby author-
ized to appoint, by selection and promo-
tion, an admiral of the navy, who shall
not be placed upon the retired list except
upon his own application; and whenever
such office shall be vacated by death or
otherwise, the office shall cease to exist."

**Mrs. Henderson Heads the Movement
for a New White House.**

At every Presidential reception in Wash-
ington the fact is evident that the White
House is far behind the needs of the na-
tion, although it was a palace at the begin-
ning of the century. Something must be
done, if Congress wishes to maintain its
reputation for generosity, to relieve the
President of the actual discomfort he is
forced to live in on account of the limita-
tions of his official home.

Mrs. Henderson, wife of the former
Senator from Missouri, and daughter of
ex-Senator Foote of Vermont, has taken an
active interest in this matter, and has caused
to be circulated in Congress a pamphlet
advocating the building of a new home for
the President, proposing as a site an emi-
nence near her own stately mansion, be-
tween Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets
and U and Huron streets. It is almost in
a straight line, through one of the most
beautiful streets in town, from the present
White House, and many share with her
the belief that it is one of the best locations
for this purpose about the city. But it
would seem, if the object is to provide a
home for the President where he can retire
after his official duties are over, and be
practically separated from them, that it
would be preferable to go further into the
suburbs and place the President's residence
in a large park, surrounded by noble trees
and approached by pleasant drives.

**Pension Claims Arising from the Span-
ish War.**

The pension commissioner states that in
the Spanish war 23 officers and 237 en-
listed men were killed. One was a colonel,
one a lieutenant colonel, one a major, six
captains, four first lieutenants, nine second
lieutenants, and one acting assistant sur-
geon. The officers wounded numbered
113 and the enlisted men wounded 1467.
The number of deaths from other causes
than wounds between May 1 and Dec. 1
were 111 officers and 4854 enlisted men.
In the Spanish war the invalid claims on
account of the army filed up to Jan. 12,
1899, numbered 4061; on account of the
navy 247; the widows and dependent rela-
tives whose claims have been filed number
on account of the army 1436, and on ac-
count of the navy 37, making a total of
Spanish war claims up to Jan. 12, of 5811.
These claims are now in the course of
preparation by the department examiners,
and await adjudication. Only nine claims
had been reached and granted up to Feb. 5.
The Spanish war from a military point of
view was so small an affair by compari-

son with the civil war that it will not cut
a large figure upon our pension roll. The
greatest claim which it gives against the
government will be that of the persons
who have lost their health because of the
tropical fevers which they have suffered
on return to this country. Thirty years
from now it will be quite evident that
many constitutional maladies are clearly
traceable to this cause.

Inviting Our Volunteer Soldiers.
The editorial genius who described Ver-
mont as a region covered by "four feet of
snow on the level six months in the year,"
is running loose again in the Springfield
Republican office. He attributes the con-
sumption of 3,000,000 more gallons of beer
in 1898 than in 1897 to the war and says:
"Over 200,000 young men were taken from
civil occupations and away from the re-
straints of home surroundings, and placed
apart in camps, where the summer was
passed in idleness and dissolute recrea-
tions."

If then takes upon the more noticeable
increase of \$7,000,000 in the government
revenue tax on whiskey and spirits, and
says the war was responsible for most of
it, "since the idleness and demoralization
of army and camp life not only made
drinkers of men who had been abstainers
at home, but heavily increased the drink-
ing among men who otherwise would have
been moderate drinkers."

The brewing and distilling companies
did an immense business at Chickamauga
and other military camps, but the bad re-
cord of increase belongs to the country at
large and not to our soldiers. The in-
crease in the army was in round numbers
200,000 men, a large part of whom served
only a few months. The 3,000,000 barrels
of beer, distributed among 200,000 men
would give each man 15 barrels, counting
in moderate drinkers and total abstainers.
The increase in distilled spirits would give
each soldier many gallons of this kind of
intoxicants, in addition to his 15 barrels of
beer. It is hardly necessary to prolong the
argument to show the fallacy of the Repub-
lican's claims.

The insult is renewed when the Repub-
lican says our volunteers passed the sum-
mer "in idleness and dissolute recrea-
tions." We will wager one of the Repub-
lican's favorite big red apples that the
writer of the editorial in question never
spent a day in one of the Southern military
camps. To most of our soldier boys the
summer was one of work, trying experi-
ences and hardships.

The increase in the consumption of beer
and whiskey is a deplorable fact, but to
throw responsibility for it upon our volun-
teer soldiers is not only argument from a
false premise, but is a grossly a slander on
the first 200,000 men who stepped forward
when the country called for those who
would sacrifice their own interests, give up
comforts and luxuries, face privation, and,
if need be, death.

The Rights of Stockholders Affirmed.

Judge Tuley has handed down a deci-
sion of far-reaching importance in the cir-
cuit court at Chicago in dissolving the in-
junction issued in January restraining
Lewis B. Perrin, a stockholder of the
Rodger Ballast Car company, from bring-
ing mandamus proceedings against the
company to compel the directors to allow
him to examine the corporation records.

The injunction was sought on the asser-
tion that Perrin would reveal the price
paid by the company for manufacturing
its patented cars and the amount at which
they were sold to the railroad companies,
which is regarded by the company as a
trade secret, which, if divulged to the pur-
chasers, would ruin the business of the
company.

Judge Tuley holds that under the law a
single stockholder has the right to exam-
ine the books and records of the corpora-
tion of which he is a shareholder, and
that the corporation officials have no right
in a court of equity to attempt to restrain
such examination by injunction. In con-
clusion, Judge Tuley said:

"In these days of gigantic combinations,
corporations in the shape of trusts for the
purpose of secretly carrying on and exer-
cising franchises granted by state govern-
ments—and this in defiance of the prohibi-
tory statutes—it is of the utmost impor-
tance that the right of a stockholder to ex-
amine the workings and methods of such
combinations be given a liberal construc-
tion, and if his only, it is the greatest
safeguard which the law provides against
mismanagement or treachery on the part
of those in control.

"The underlying claim of equity in this
bill is the right of directors to conceal
from stockholders the information as to
the manner in which they are using the
property, the remedy sought in injunction
being to prevent him from enforcing a legal
right to obtain that information.

"The court will not enjoin a feared or
threatened lawsuit. The contention of
the complainant is not based on good law
nor good equity. The injunction must be
dissolved."

Gomez Has Not Come to Havana.
Gov. Gen. Brooke and Gen. Maximo
Gomez have had no communication with
each other since the invitation and its ac-
ceptance by the latter to come to Havana.
Thirteen days have elapsed since Robert
P. Porter's agreement with Gomez to
bring about the disbandment of the Cuban
army on the payment to the troops of
\$5,000,000, and yet no step has been taken
to pay the Cubans or disband them. From
day to day it is said at Havana that "Go-
mez will be here in a couple of days."

THE TOWN'S FINANCES.

Auditors Have Finished Annual Report.

Expenses of Town Poor Unusually Large—Roads Cost \$10,781—Town Agency Did a \$11,000 Business.

The auditors have completed their work
on the town report, and all of the copy for
that publication is in the hands of the
printers with the exception of the annual
statement of the selectmen, which will in-
clude the figures giving the resources of
the town with a recommendation as to the
amount of the tax to be raised the coming
year. The selectmen will probably com-
plete their work Saturday. The town re-
ports will not be ready for distribution un-
til the first of March. It is customary to
publish the report for the town meeting
on the cover and the day for posting the
receipts is Thursday.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Year.

The following figures show the receipts
and expenditures of the past year:

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance in treasury, as per last report.	\$2,217	
Receipts of R. E. Gordon, collector.	35,834.26	
S. W. Richardson, auditor agent.	19,550.30	
Borrowed money.	16,400.00	
Brat. & Whitehall B. B. div., Vt.	500.00	
Use P. O. boxes at West Brattleboro	7.00	
By Mrs. Henry Stockwell for 1897.	3.71	
Travelling agent, old timber.	148.00	
Brattleboro Street Railway, for plank.	20.00	
Rent of sal. car.	20.00	
Transfer from bridge account, be- ing premium of \$1400 accrued inter- est, on bridge bonds sold.	1400.00	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1898.	13.00	
From state of Vermont for provisions furnished Essey Guard, June 30, 1898.	26.68	
P. F. Gleason, bridge plank sold.	12.00	
E. H. Putnam.	1.00	
Goods sold from town farm.	60.00	
Auctioneer's fees.	3.00	
Fines, trotting on West River bridge.	3.00	
By W. S. Newton, fine of Daniel Aker.	5.00	
Post-office rent.	82.00	
Commissioner's order, No. 1041.	31.00	
Wm. S. Newton, fine of Wm. Brown.	15.00	
By E. H. Putnam, goods sold from town farm.	45.85	
Barrel money.	106.85	
From Geo. E. Fox, manager of Chitose.	110.00	
By Wm. S. Newton, fine of Chas. Clark.	5.00	
From dog money account.	315.50	
Hinsdale, one fourth bridge expense, 1897-98.	50.90	</